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Videotapes clear trustee of election allegations

Claims that a Sumpter Township trustee illegally handled voting machine records during the Aug. 4 primary election have been disproved by videotapes of the entire incident.

Trustee Tim Rush requested that the police body camera video tape and the surveillance tape of the township community center where the incident was alleged to have taken place be shown publicly at the meeting of the board of trustees last week. Rush also made a statement regarding the incident which he requested be entered into the officials record of the meeting.

His denial, and that of several other election and township officials, was prompted by an unsubstantiated claim by township resident Toni Clark who alleged that she witnessed incumbent Rush mishandling the tabulation tapes from the Precinct 5 voting machine following the close voting at the Aug. 4 primary election.

Sumpter Township police were called to the community center after 9 p.m. and Clark alleged to responding Ofc. Christopher Herrick that she witnessed Rush mishandling the tabulation tapes from the voting machine.

Clark insisted that she had "personally witnessed" Rush moving the voting machine and that he had "pulled the tape from the machine" and mishandled the tabulation, shouting that it was "illegal" and "against the law." She repeatedly insisted to the officer that she was "not lying" and had "never told a lie" during the police interview.

Clark attempted to enlist verification of her claims of wrongdoing from Precinct Chair Irene Woodell as she was leaving the building. Woodell absolutely denied that any such violations had taken place and told the responding officer that she had been working at the polls for years and knew her job. She said that no one moved the machine and that she personally pulled the tabulation tapes.

She told the officer that the law allows that any candidate has the right to look at the tapes once they are removed from the machine and that was what occurred in this situation.

Woodell's account was verified as accurate when videotape of the community center hallways where the incident took place was played for the public, along with the police officer"s body camera footage of the encounter with Clark.

The tape clearly shows Woodell removing the tabulation tape from the voting machine, and placing it on a table. Rush, waiting several yards away in the hall, is then seen asking to see the voting machine tape which Woodell hands to him. He does not touch or make contact with the voting machine. He places the tape on a small table several feet from the machine and unspools it before laying a section down on the table and appearing to take a photo of a section of the tape with his phone.

Tim Rush

The tape completely refutes Clark's claims that Rush moved the machine or pulled tapes from it or left the building with the tapes.

According to law enforcement officials, the video surveillance tapes in question are marked and

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Special project

Grant will fund Rotary renovations of pavilion at Allen academy

Members of the Rotary Club Plymouth A.M. have a very "special" upcoming project.

The club received a $3,700 grant from the Plymouth Community Foundation to help fund renovations on a pavilion located behind Allen Learning Academy which houses the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary club has been a partner with IPSEP for almost 20 years, previously outfitting both the sensory integration room and the handicap accessible playground at the school. With the grant funds funding materials, Rotary Club volunteers will paint and decorate the pavilion and put a barrier around the structure for children's safety. The pavilion will be equipped with preschool handicapped accessible picnic tables, a sand table, a whiteboard, and a storage unit. The renovated outdoor pavilion is designed to provide a learning space for the special needs students enrolled in IPSEP.

Rotarians Dick Schmidt, Joe White and Ted Barker meet with Rori Meyerink, IPSEP supervisor, at the pavilion, to discuss renovation plans.

"IPSEP is very grateful for the relationship and support we have received throughout the years from the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Our youngest students and families have been the beneficiaries of their generosity and charitable acts for many years. Their generous support will help us provide an alternative environment for staff to support students during this challenging time and in the future," said Rori Meyerink, IPSEP supervisor.

Rotarians are ready and excited to get to work to prepare this outdoor space for these very special children, according to a group spokesperson. This project is one of the many educational projects for which the Rotary Club of Plymouth A. M. has been recognized. The club was recently awarded the "Friend of Education" award by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society - a statewide organization made up of educators. The award honored not only the work of the club members with the IPSEP program but their continuing support of students - especially from the Starkweather program - with

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New evidence presented in teacher's sexual abuse trial

Jason William Dean

A former Michigan Hawks girls' soccer team coach who taught in both the Wayne-Westland and Northville schools is facing five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Five charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct were filed in Oakland County last January after a woman came forth alleging the abuse by Jason William Dean when she was his student in 2010. She was 14 and Dean was her teacher and soccer and basketball coach, according to prosecutors.

Dean, of Livonia, was arraigned on the charges in January but prosecutors came forth earlier this month with more evidence from students in both the Northville and Wayne school districts where Dean taught and coached.

Prosecutors said that the testimony of the former students will demonstrate Dean's methods and speak to his character and show that his pattern of behavior continued after the 2010 incidents which allegedly took place while he was teaching at a private school in Springfield Township when he was in his late 20s.

Prosecutors claim that those encounters with the eighth grade student took place at her home in White Lake Township, inside a parked van, in the classroom, at a hotel, on an airplane, and at Dean's apartment.

Prosecutors also allege that Dean began the same behavior in 2011 at Wayne Memorial High School where he began a friendship with a student. The two reportedly exchanged notes and emails in which Dean complimented the student's body.

Prosecutors charge that in 2013 Dean attempted to return to the sexual relationship with the former Springfield Township school student who had transferred to another school. He allegedly emailed the then 17-year-old shirtless and

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Belleville - Sumpter

Van Buren schools to offer virtual and in-person classes

More than 63 percent of students in the Van Buren Public Schools will return to classes virtually.

Recently, Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak explained the safety protocols which will be in place throughout the school buildings during a virtual meeting available on Facebook.

Kudlak cautioned parents that several factors are still uncertain but that teachers are returning to their various school buildings for training sessions to accommodate the virtual learning selected by a majority of families as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. About 28 teachers will be providing remote classes, four at each grade level, Kudlak said. He told parents he expects that class sizes will be from 15-20 students.

Personal protection gear and masks were delivered to the schools last week, he said and shields, including those which encase the face, are expected soon. Plexiglas shields at desks have been installed and touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers have also been ordered.

The district will also use electrostatic sprayers to disinfect each building every night. Disinfectant wipes will also be used, he said. Drinking fountains in the buildings have been covered and bottle filling stations are available.

Arrival and dismissal times will be changed and there are specific arrival and dismissal stairways for students' use.

He added that an additional custodian has been hired and that four teachers have been recalled from layoff to accommodate the new procedures in place.

Kudlak repeatedly cautioned families that procedures would be subject to change going forward in light of the current situation.

To access Kudlak's messages and frequently asked questions, go to Van Buren Public Schools District on Facebook.

Court hearings continue for judge facing domestic violence charge

Former 34th District Court Judge David Parrott will appear for a pretrial hearing Sept. 25 in 35th District Court before Judge James A. Plakas.

Parrott, who was unsuccessful in his Aug. 4 bid for reelection to the bench, is facing a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence. He is accused of assaulting his live-in girlfriend Feb. 8 in the Van Buren Township condominium they shared.

Van Buren police were called to the residence on a disturbance call, according to police reports and arrested Parrott based on the evidence at the scene and the account of the victim.

Parrott took a leave of absence from the 34th court bench, but did seek reelection, despite his appeal of a drunk driving charge issued Dec. 25, 2018 in Manistee County. He was suspended with pay by the Michigan Supreme Court on June 17.

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The domestic violence charge was moved out of the district as Parrott remains a sitting judge. His attorney and the assistant Wayne County prosecutor have stipulated to an interview of Parrott's ex-wife, Lianne Clair, as part of the current proceedings. Those divorce records were unsealed in an earlier pre-trial hearing by Plakas.

During the Aug. 4 balloting, Parrott lost to Lisa Martin who received 4,213 votes and Alexandria Taylor who received 3,800 votes. Parrott received 3,430 votes during the primary election which will see Martin and Taylor on Nov. 3 ballot.

Tapes

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time coded so as to prevent any tampering with the content or editing.

Rush requested the tapes be shown publicly at the meeting and adamantly denied any wrongdoing while strongly criticizing the reports as politically motivated.

Rush said that he has lived in the township for more than 30 years and that this election cycle has been the worst he has ever witnessed. He cited verbal attacks on "Police Chief Eric Luke, the deputy supervisor, the clerk's office, the township attorney, Trustee Matt Oddy and now myself."

He said the officials have been "libeled and attached by candidates running for office and their associates making false criminal accusations and publishing lies."

Rush said that while he "respects the rights of all citizens under the First Amendment, there are consequences when that right is abused to intentionally libel people, their businesses and their families with known falsehoods.

"You cannot falsely accuse someone of a crime or intentionally libel them without being subject to the legal consequences of your actions," he said.

(Editor's note: Attempts to reach Toni Clark were unsuccessful.)

Clerk defends election and staff

Sumpter Township Clerk Esther Hurst issued a public statement during the regular meeting of the board of trustees last week, defending her staff and the election process in the community.

Hurst was visibly concerned with recent allegations of impropriety leveled at her office and staff, including now disproved allegations of the mishandling of tabulation tapes from a voting machine in Precinct 5. (See related story, page 1.)

Nelson Po, a failed candidate for supervisor, has filed for a recount of absentee ballots in the Aug. 4 primary citing "fraud or mistake" on the part of election workers resulting in his receiving only 159 absentee votes.

"As many know, our township has been under attack by certain parties with repeated false accusations, lies and misinformation to our residents and the press," Hurst said.

"Much of this has been pointed at our township officials, myself and my staff. Recent allegations by these same parties has negatively and wrongfully impacted our election inspector teams.

"Their critical function to our community is the proper handling of elections processes which is following election law. My staff and I continue to support and educate our citizens on these issues. However, recent allegations are laced with false statements such as improper handling and throwing away of ballots, manipulating tabulator tallies and information and violation of elections law.

"Unfortunately," she said, "if you're looking for the truth, current media may not be the place to look.

"I am very proud of my election workers and staff and will support them unconditionally," she concluded.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 10, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pro-Tem Tina Talley
Present: Kathy Abdo, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Leroy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo for Approval of Agenda
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2020
Res. # 20-191 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Approval of AMENDED Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 27, 2020
Res. # 20-192 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for Approval of AMENDED Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, July 27, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

Chairwoman Pro Tem Talley asked that everyone keep the Barden in prayer during their time of bereavement and gave an update on the Census 2020 statistics for the City of Romulus.

A. Approval of the Chairperson's Report
Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb for Approval of the Chairperson's Report
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. Request for no-fee permit.
Andy McKay from the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC) spoke about gyms being the last entities allowed to re-open during the Covid-19 pandemic. He said many changes have been made - such as screening policies for employees and members of the RAC upon entering the building.
Res. # 20-193 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park for the Downriver Historical Organizations' next meeting on August 15, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Four (4) Year Lease Purchase Agreement - Comerica Leasing
Res. # 20-194 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Comerica Leasing for the lease-purchase of a 2020 Spartan S-180 Pumper Truck in the amount of $430,274.00 at a fixed interest rate of 1.93% for four years with the first payment to be made on or about August 15, 2021. The City would own the vehicle at the term of the lease.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. ITB 17/18-05 with West Metro Door for Replacement and Modification of Doors (Firehouse)
Res. # 20-195 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and award the contract from Bid ITB 17/18-05 for the replacement and modifications of the Garage Doors at 35255 Goddard Road to the lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder, West Metro Door.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Extension of ITB 17/18-05 with RJ Perry Company for the Building Rehab of the Former Firehouse
Res. # 20-196 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with administration and extend ITB 17/18-05 with RJ Perry Carpentry, Inc. for the modification and repairs of the bathrooms at the former "Firehouse" in the amount of $28,367.00
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Piggyback on MiDeal Contracts for the Purchase of Freightliner Conventional Chassis Salt Truck and Radius Dump Body
Res. #20-197 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #071B6600119 for the Purchase of one (1) Freightliner Conventional Chassis Salt Truck from D & K Truck Company in the amount of $87,662.00.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. # 20-198 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Piggyback on MiDeal Contract #200000000034 for he purchase and installation of a Monroe 10' Radius Dump Body from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. in the amount of $94,605.00 for the Department of Public Works.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

F. RFP 19/20-32 - 12 Month Contractual Services Contract for Disinfecting Services
Res. # 20-199 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to award RFP 19/20-32 for as-needed sanitation and disinfecting services for city facilities and vehicles to the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder, Go Spotless Cleaning LLC, with a cost of $0.07 per square foot and $25 per vehicle, for RPD and as needed for other City buildings.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

G. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application - 2020
Res. # 20-200 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize Wayne County to apply for the JAG funds grant on behalf of the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

H. Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-3 State Forfeiture
Res. # 20-201 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-3 for the purchases of a CLEMIS compatible Biometric Fingerprint computer which was approved under resolution #18-210 on June 11, 2018.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I. Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-4
Res. # 20-202 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Virginia Williams to approve the Introduction of Budget Amendment 20/21-4 to cover costs associated with Farms Sub Lift Station - rebuilding of pump and replacement of the circuit board running alternate pump.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg thanked all those who helped with the Primary Election.
Res. # 20-203 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Anthony Yates' hard work and dedicated service during the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment -

Two residents requested to speak.
Councilwoman Eva Webb informed that a water truck should be on site every day during the construction on Middlebelt Road.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff responded to comments made under the Public Comment section of the meeting:
The City of Romulus received $47,000 in grants from the Department of Justice for the purpose of sanitizing during the pandemic.
Mayor Burcroff suggested that people who frequent the RAC to view a video of the new procedures put in place for safety reasons. Said video can be found on the City of Romulus website.
The mayor also agreed that he will meet with the resident and the city attorney regarding Middlebelt Road construction.
The mayor said there will be an upcoming study session scheduled regarding Aerotropolis.

10. New Business

11. Warrant

A. Approval of Warrant # 20-15 for checks presented in the amount of $1,499,409.16
Res. # 20-204 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for the Approval of Warrant # 20-15 for checks presented in the amount of $1,499,409.16
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Approval of Warrant 20-15E, for checks presented in the amount of $15,913.00, for the August 4, 2020 Election Workers Pay.
Res. # 20-205 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** for the Approval of Warrant 20-15E, for checks presented in the amount of $15,913.00, for the August 4, 2020 Election Workers Pay.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication

Councilwoman Virginia Williams announced that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus High School on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020 from 12 Noon until 3:00 p.m. She also announced that there will be a Drive-Thru and Walk-Up Covid-19 Testing site at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 35565 Beverly Road from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for those 12 years of age and older. Photo identification is required along with insurance information; however, there is no charge for those without insurance.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:51 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 10, 2020.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON

Renovations to pond at Heritage Park are approved

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a fee of $34,812 for renovations and maintenance at the Heritage Park amphitheater pond during a regular meeting earlier this month.

Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger explained to the trustees that the lone bidder on the work was Rigero, LLC. The contract will address the issues at the pond, he said, and will include the installation of Bio-Health pods in the 3.59-acre pond. Funds for the work will be re-allocated from 2020 tree management budget.

Hohenberger explained that over time, chemical treatments and dyes have covered and killed algae in many of the ponds owned by the township which was a "temporary fix to the algae issue."

> *Throughout the years, weeds and algae were treated within the ponds and the remains would then settle to the bottom causing a mucky sediment.*

Throughout the years, weeds and algae were treated within the ponds and the remains would then settle to the bottom causing a mucky sediment. As the weather became hot and dry, this sediment would create more algae creating an "unhealthy and unsightly pond area," he said.

In 2019, Rigero, LLC workers applied the same treatment proposed to a much smaller pond near hole number seven at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

"In just two seasons, the treatment proved to be a huge success motivating staff to continue this process with some of our larger, more visible ponds throughout the Canton-owned properties," Hohenberger said in his report to the board members.

Rigero, LLC will be using a Bio-Health Pods System, which is a 24/7 non-chemical treatment, providing aeration, "while generating and distributing mass quantities of beneficial bacteria that aggressively consume and digest bottom muck, and excessive nutrients suspended in the water column reducing the effects that lead to algae blooms," he added.

Hohenbberger noted that additional treatments, if necessary, will be subject to the Rigero standard price list and that any individual purchase orders more than $10,000 would be referred to the board members for approval.

Final site plan for Arbor Glen condominiums OK'd by board

The final site plan for the Arbor Glen Condominiums was unanimously approved by members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees at their meeting last month.

Municipal Services Director Jade Smith noted that the petitioners, Mike Noles from Diffin-Umlor and Chris Plumb from Pulte were proposing to locate 36 single-family residential site condominiums on approximately 36.02 acres at the northwest corner of Warren Road and Ridge Road.

One entrance is proposed on Ridge Road on the south part of the site, located about 400 feet north of Warren Road, and one emergency vehicle entrance is proposed on Ridge Road on the north part of the site, located about 1,675 feet north of Warren Road. The developer proposes to pave Ridge Road from Warren Road to approximately 100 feet north of the southern entrance to the development, according to Smith's executive summary of the project.

"The project sponsor proposes to maintain 34.0 percent of the site, 12.92 acres, as open space, preserve over 700 trees, minimize clearing and grading along Ridge Road, and plant several native trees along Warren Road and Ridge Road consistent with the Natural Beauty Road objectives," Smith noted. "Additionally, the project sponsor will construct sidewalks along the west side of Ridge Road from Arbor Glen to Warren Road including a crosswalk across Ridge Road to connect to the existing sidewalk network on the east side."

Members of the board of trustees approved the Final Planned Development and Preliminary Site Plan on Nov. 12, 2019, according to Smith.

The minimum lot and setback dimension requirements for the development include 16,000 square-foot lots at 100 feet wide with front yard setbacks of 35 feet and side yard setbacks of 15 feet on one side and 25 feet on the other, for a minimum separation distance of 40 feet between buildings. The rear yard setbacks are listed at 30 feet for lots five through seven and 27 only, which back up to Arbor Glen's open space areas. Wetland setbacks have been noted although no lots are proposed in wetland areas.

> *Many wetland areas will be preserved, and many landmark trees will be preserved as a result of making the lots smaller.*

Five lots will have conservation easements that will allow for grading and planting in conformance with the plans but will prohibit structures and other impervious surfaces, Smith noted in his report.

"Many wetland areas will be preserved, and many landmark trees will be preserved as a result of making the lots smaller. Ridge Road north of Warren Road is classified as a Natural Beauty Road, and clearing and grading in the Ridge Road right-of-way is minimized. Many proposed trees are concentrated along Warren Road and Ridge Road to enhance their rural character," Smith said.

"The site plan includes a full landscape plan, which meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance."

Smith recommended approval of the final site plan.

SOCIAL DISTANCING
What does it mean?
Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.
Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.
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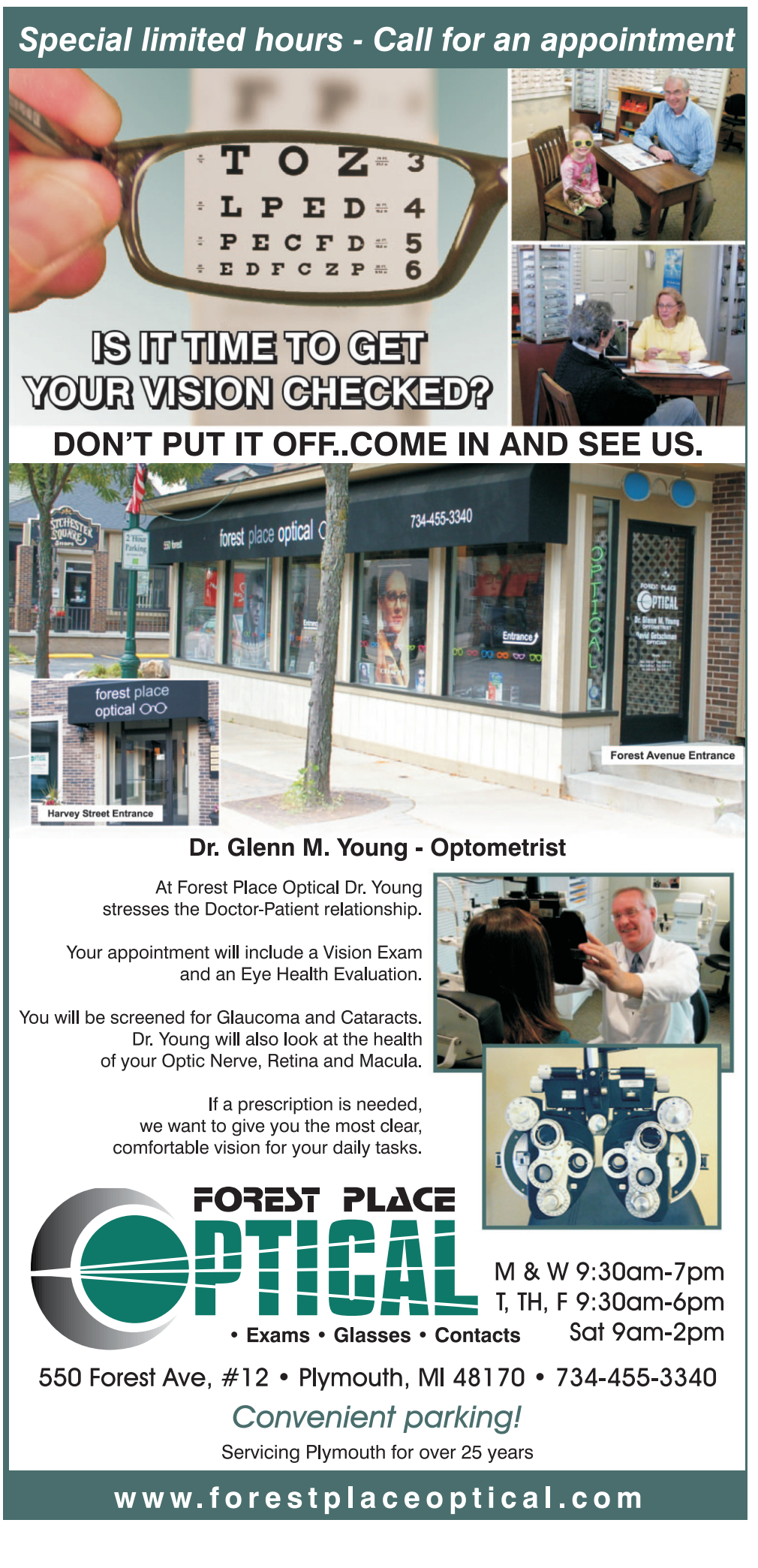
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Inkster - Wayne - Westland

First recreational marijuana shop opens in city

Scott Gocaj didn't let any grass grow under his feet.

When members of the Wayne City Council approved the sale of recreational marijuana in the city in July, Gocaj prepared to open the first of the four shops approved for licenses in the city. The ordinance in Wayne allows for up to four marijuana retail licenses but those must also sell medicinal marijuana.

Gocaj said this is his first business, although he and his family have been in the Wayne area for decades.

The shop, Michigan's Finest Cannabis Company is located at the northeast corner of Hannan and Van Born roads and is, he said, a convenient location for many local communities.

The shop has been selling cannabis flowers, edibles, vape pens and tinctures to medical patients until last week, when the sale of recreational items began. Gocaj said the store has been remodeled and revamped in a former vacant industrial area. Like other businesses affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, the store is open only for curbside service, the new owner said

The medical and recreational drugs are separated in the store, he said, and include pre-rolled cigarettes, edibles and cannibis extracts.

"We had been operating as medical only and we had to turn down so many disappointed clients that didn't have their medical card until this week when we went recreational and sales have tripled. The demand is there, and people are thankful for the convenience" Gocaj said last week.

> *The ordinance in Wayne allows for up to four marijuana retail licenses but those must also sell medicinal marijuana.*

Wayne is one of only a few communities which allow the sale of recreational marijuana. "In my opinion, the taboo is over. People need to embrace it, Gocaj said.

Westland Development director to attend Women's League Leadership Academy

Aubrey Berman was one of only 35 applicants selected to participate in the Women's Municipal League Leadership Program this year. The program is organized by the Michigan Municipal League.

Berman has served as the Westland economic development director since March of 2019 after serving five years in an administrative/communications role in the office of Mayor William R. Wild. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Gulf Coast University and a master's degree in business administration in global leadership from Cleary University.

> *Training is supported by the Michigan Municipal League and other sponsors and is provided cost-free to selected participants.*

The women's leadership program is offered as a part of the municipal league 16/50 Project, which aims to empower women to lead communities and works to make gender balance a reality for local governments in Michigan.

The 16/50 project is based on findings that despite making up 50 percent of the population, women only represent 16 percent of local chief administrators in Michigan.

The program incorporates practical topic education, personal leadership development, and interactive dialogue throughout the five month course. Training is supported by the Michigan Municipal League and other sponsors and is provided cost-free to selected participants.

"The 16/50 project acknowledges the benefits of gender balance as it directly impacts organizational success and innovation within communities," commented Wild.

"I am honored to be selected as a member of the 2020 class and look forward to participating alongside my fellow colleagues in municipal leadership positions as well as the next generation of female leaders," Berman said.

Aubrey Berman

Anthony "Nick" Jones

New leads sought in 2019 fatal shooting

The cash reward for information into the death of Anthony "Nick" Jones last year has been increased to $2,500.

A new billboard in the city of Inkster announces the reward amount offered by Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the Aug. 31, 2019 death of Mr. Jones, 54.

According to witness accounts and police reports, Mr. Jones was on his way to a high school reunion to shoot video of the event when he was involved in a verbal altercation with another driver on Lehigh Street, near John Daly in Inkster. That driver reportedly shot Mr. Jones in the head and left him to die, police said.

Mr. Jones was well known throughout the community for his videographic work, taping all types of social and athletic events. He taped weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, dinners, class reunions, graduations, showers, football, and basketball games. He also commentated the basketball and football games with Charles "Chop" Gregory and worked with Freddie Smiley at the Legends of Inkster Basketball Camps and annual holiday giveaway.

His family said he was kind soul who would share his love of Jesus with anyone he met, which is why they said that his killing made no sense to them.

Mr. Jones attended the Westwood Public School District and graduated from Robichaud High School in 1983. He attended Alabama A & M where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated "Dream Team 1986" line. He was retired from Chrysler Corp.

During the original investigation, police described the suspect as a Black man about 5-feet, 8-inches tall weighing about 150 pounds with a discolored pink and purple lower lip. Police arrested a 29-year-old man from Detroit as the original suspect in the killing, but he was subsequently freed.

Any information regarding the incident should be referred to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. Callers can remain anonymous.

Police arrest barricaded man

Inkster police are continuing the investigation into a domestic complaint that escalated into a police standoff with a man barricaded in a home last week.

According to police reports, officers responded to a call at about 8:20 p.m. Aug. 27 about a man armed with a crossbow barricaded in a home near Colgate and Beech Daly. The suspect had barricaded himself following a domestic situation, police said, in which the man had allegedly fired a pellet gun at his girlfriend and then armed himself with the crossbow and refused to leave the home.

Inkster officers called for the Special Response Team and those specially-trained police officers breached the door to the home and took the man into custody, according to a report from the Michigan State Police. Troopers from the Metro South Post Secure City Partnership were also on the scene to assist with perimeter control in the situation.

The suspect remained in the custody of the Inkster Police Department at press times and the Inkster police were continuing to investigate the incident.

Wayne OK's new truck storage yard

Members of the Wayne City Council accepted the recommendation of the city planning commissioners and unanimously approved a plan for a new truck terminal.

The site plan, requested by Grewal Trucking, includes the construction of a new truck terminal on 2.8 acres of vacant property south of Annapolis and west of Treadwell in the city. Grewal will store trucks at the site which will have two buildings, according to Wayne Building and Engineering Director Michael Buiten.

"They're starting with a smaller structure first and moving later to a larger structure," he told the council members during their meeting recently. Currently, the property does not have an official address.

> *We will do the repairs when we have a shop. Right now, in the beginning, we will not have a shop.*

Initially, according to Navdeep Grewal who spoke to the council members regarding the petition for the site plan, the company would store about 50 trucks at the site. When the larger building is constructed, repairs to the trucks could take place at the site.

"We will do the repairs when we have a shop. Right now, in the beginning, we will not have a shop," Grewal said. "The future plan, the building is going ... to include a shop where we will do the repairs.

Classified

TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-1900

30. Help Wanted

NOW HIRING: Penske Logistics expects to hire full-time warehouse workers to support our essential food warehouse operations in Romulus, MI. Warehouse positions include order selectors for the 2nd shift. $16.55-$22.55 per hour with performance/ safety bonus opportunity. Interviews are being conducted via phone and following social distancing protocols. If you have 1 year experience warehousing or material-handling preferred - Apply Today! 855-759-7098

59. Auctions

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT BISHOP AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 2780 SPRINGHILL INKSTER, MI 48141 ON THURSDAY SEPT 10, 2020.

2007 PONTIAC
1G2ZGN58N874258385
2000 HONDA
1HGCG5671YA050472
2003 FORD
1FAFP55U23G244572
2002 CHEVROLET
1G1ND52J02M594011
2013 CHEVROLET
2G1FL1EP4D9805565
2001 CHRYSLER
2C3AE66G61H672465
1991 CHEVROLET
1G1BN53E8MW197056
2003 HONDA
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2008 CHRYSLER
2C3LA63H98H282276

PLEASE NOTE BIDDING STARTS AT PRICE OF TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Tuesday 9/8/20 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

2007 TOYT TACOMA ACC
5TETX22N37Z440768
1996 POLS BOAT
PLE13709C696
2005 HOND ACCORD EX
1HGCM665X5A039849
2001 INTL 9400 9400I
2HSCNAPR21C001418
2004 AUDI A4 3.0 QUA
WAULT68E04A144779
2006 SPTN MOTORHOME
4VZAT1C906C051631
2015 KAWA EX300 A
JKAEX8A10FDA21386
2009 HOND PILOT EXL
5FNYF48619B024789
2013 CHEV MALIBU 2LT
1G11E5SA4DF175176
2010 CHEV TRAVERSE L
1GNLVGED1AJ225582
2009 HYUN ELANTRA GL
KMHDU46DX9U588899
2006 CHEV MALIBU MAX
1G1ZT61846F191345
2005 CHEV BLAZER
1GNCT18X75K121817
2003 CHEV AVALANCHE
3GNEK13TX3G130502
2006 TOYT SCION XA
JTKKT624960168918
2008 FORD ECONOLINE
1FTNE24W58DB36291
2007 CHRY ASPEN LIMI
1A8HW58P77F509146
2009 KIA RIO BASE
KNADE223896482374
2018 UTIL TRAILER
1UYVS2530J3144504
2016 YAMA YZFR1S C
JYARN42Y7GA000225
2013 DODG DART SXT
1C3CDFBA9DD300021
2011 CHEV EQUINOX LT
2CNFLEE55B6246003
2007 JEP GRAND CHER
1J8GR48K47C581540
2010 FORD FUSION SEL
3FAHP0JA2AR336388
2012 CHEV IMPALA LS
2G1WF5E30C1242622
2006 HOND ACCORD VAL
1HGCM56196A050267

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE
25637 MICHIGAN AVE.
DEARBORN HEIGHTS
MI 48125

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2020 @ 12:00 P.M. BEGINNING AT DALTON TOWING 27218 CURRIER ST. DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI. 48125 AND CONTINUING AT J&M TOWING 8964 INKSTER RD ROMULUS, MI. 48174 734-946-4101 MASKS ARE REQUIRED PER STATE GUIDELINES, NO MASK, NO ADMITTANCE! PLEASE SOCIAL DISTANCE!

2007 AUDI A6
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2000 Buick Century
2G4WS52J3Y1289989
1997 Buick LeSabre
1G4HP52K7VH502339
2007 Cadillac CTS
1G6DM57T170157522
2002 Cadillac CTS
1G6KE57Y82U180961
2011 Chevrolet Equinox
2GNALDEC3B1302371
2008 Chevrolet Impala
2G1WB58K189192322
2009 Chevrolet Malibu
1G1ZG57B094142855
1996 Chevrolet Cavalier
1G1JF52T3T7174320
2001 Chevrolet Express
1GCHG39R011241506
2007 Chevrolet Impala
2G1WB58K479324889
2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer
1GNDT13S422379045
2001 Chrysler Town & Country
2C4GP44381R300463
1989 Coleman CC100X
LWGPCGLCXLA124540
2008 Dodge Durango
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2002 Dodge Caravan
1B4GP25392B662883
2016 Dodge Charger
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2007 Dodge Magnum SE
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2004 Ford Econoline
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2003 Ford Windstar
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2012 Ford Taurus
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2002 Ford Escape
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2005 Ford Taurus SE
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2015 Ford Fusion
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2012 Ford Focus
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2014 Ford Fusion
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2006 Ford Focus ZX5 SES
1FAFP37N56W189281
2004 Ford Focus SE
1FAFP34374W110998
2008 Ford F-150
1FTRF12298KD45263
2000 Ford Windstar
2FMZA5342YBA00300
1994 Ford Explorer
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2010 Ford Fusion
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2009 Ford Fusion
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2005 Ford Focus
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2008 GMC Yukon
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2014 Honda Moped
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2010 Honda Civic
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2002 Honda Civic EX
1HGES26782L062894
1999 Honda Civic
2HGEJ661XXH535785
2004 Hyundai Elantra
KMHDN46D04J785893
2015 Jeep Cherokee
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2018 Jeep Compass
3C4NJCBB9JT494737
2000 Jeep Cherokee
1J4GW48S4YC291035
2006 Jeep Commander
1J8HG48N06C297650
2002 Kawasaki ZX636
JKBZXJB163A000491
2017 Kia Soul
KNDJP3A51H7476269
1998 Lexus ES250
JT8BF28G3W5018801
2006 Lincoln Zephyr
3LNHM26166R615840
2007 Lincoln Town Car
1LNHM81W27Y603015
1999 Mazda 626
1YVGF22C4X5821304
2000 Mercedes Benz S
WDBNG70J3YA079445
2006 Mercury Milan
3MEFM07126R651991
2001 Nissan Sentra
3N1CB51D51L446562
2006 Nissan Altima
1N4AL11D96N430923
2004 Nissan Murano
JN8AZ08W74W316103
2014 Nissan Altima
1N4AL3AP7EN385517
2006 Nissan Armanda
5N1AA08B56N707027
1997 Oldsmobile
Cutlass Supreme SL
1G3WH52M4VF309698
2004 Pontiac Grand Prix
2G2WS522441192280
2009 Pontiac G6
1G2ZH57N194201074
2009 Pontiac G8
6G2EC57Y99L206717
1986 Pontiac Firebird
1G2FS87H1GL249984
2007 Saturn Vue
3GSCL33P38S668916
2005 Toyota Camry
4T1BE32K65U634872
2017 Volkswagon Passat
1VWCT7A38HC082833
2006 Volkswagon Passat
WVWAU73C06P203557
2007 Chevrolet Aveo
KL1TD66627B695541
2004 Dodge Dakota
1D7HG48N14S616702
1997 GMC Sonoma
1GTCS19X1V8523470
1998 Jeep Cherokee
1J4GZ58S1WC236634
2006 GMC Seirra
2GTEK19V461342939
2011 Lincoln MKS
1LNHL9ERXBG602206

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Renovations at elementary school buildings set to begin

Eriksson, Field, Hulsing and Dodson elementary schools in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district will be among the first to receive upgrades and renovations funded by the $275 million bond issue voters approved earlier this year.

Members of the district board of education learned of the priorities of the planned projects during their regular meeting. These buildings were selected, according to Bill McCarthy of McCarthy & Smith, Inc., due to the need for additional class space and the development of secure entrances at Field, Eriksson and Hulsing. McCarthy said the similarity of the buildings would allow architects greater ease in preparing plans, rather than having to design entries specific to unique plans in separate buildings.

He also reminded the board members that there is some immediacy to moving ahead in light of the bond requirements which dictate that 85 percent of the initial series of three bonds much be spend in 36 months. He said the design and construction document phase should be complete in December and awarding of construction bids planned for January and February next year. Construction, he said, should take place from April until November of 2021. The construction bond will continue for 10 years.

> *Plans include the addition of a separate gymnasium and cafetorium at each building, bringing them concurrent with the other district elementary schools.*

Plans include the addition of a separate gymnasium and cafetorium at each building, bringing them concurrent with the other district elementary schools. Parking will be added at Hulsing, Eriksson and Field with a parent pick-up loop.

Current plans indicate that work at Hulsing is budgeted at $8,394,468 while work at Dodson is expected to cost $6,496,929. The work at Eriksson is estimated at $8,296,895 and the costs at Field will be about $8,288,655.

Officials said the next phase of the renovations would include the addition of a band room and a natatorium at Plymouth High School and the expansion of the performing arts center at Salem High School.

Place your bets

Live racing under way at Northville track

The odds are in betters' favor at Northville Downs which opened recently for standardbred racing.

The racetrack will require all visitors to wear face masks and health screenings and temperature checks will be required for all spectators. Social distancing is required and the grandstand capacity is limited to no more than 896 persons, including the bar and restaurant area. Track management was required to move more than 100 tables, 500 chairs and 200 televisions to accommodate the health requirements. Crowd capacity has been reduced, track managers said, by 85 percent.

"We're requiring the track and the racing teams to limit personal interactions to what is required run a live race meeting safely," Michigan Gaming Control Board executive director Richard S. Kalm said in a statement. "This level of care also must be extended to fans who visit the track."

The state gaming control board members approved advance deposit wagering in June and granted a temporary license to TVG Network on the same day.

Rotary

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scholarships for students who have overcome adversity to continue their education. The society also acknowledged the work of the club in the African nation of Ghana, building two schools there, training teachers and supplying desks and other educational materials for the schools.

Jeanne DeRoche, current president of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. was on hand to accept the award.

"Our club was honored to receive this award as it was given by women teachers and educators in our community. It means a lot to us to be recognized by professionals that we admire," DeRoche said.

To learn more about the work of Rotary and the Plymouth A.M. club, visit http://www.rotaryclubplymoutham.org.

Coach

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then nude photos of himself with only his genitals covered.

Prosecutors also claim there is evidence that Dean inappropriately touched some Northville High School students who were interviewed following his arrest in January. The students, ages 14 to 18 years of age, described improper conduct, close relationships with Dean, some intimate touching along with promises of special treatment or rewards based on their attire.

The admissibility of the new witness accounts has not been determined by the court. Dean's next court appearance is set this month.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
Advertisement for Outfield Fencing and Dog Park Fencing
Marv Gans Community Park

Bids will be received by the Clerks Department via electronic submittals to Katie Anderson at kanderson@twp.northville.mi.us by 2:00 P.M. Monday, September 28th, 2020.

The Township hereby solicits bids from qualified contractors for the complete removal, disposal of, and replacement of outfield fencing on two ballfields and dog park fencing located at Marv Gans Community Park, 15801 Beck Rd., Northville, MI 4816, Northville, MI 48168. Information on the project is available on the Northville Township website at www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects along with all bid documents, and can also be obtained by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at 248-508-5314.

Additional information may be obtained from the Parks & Facilities Supervisor, Nathan Reilly at nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the Nathan Reilly, Parks and Recreation Department via email to nreilly@twp.northville.mi.us. Questions will not be accepted after 3:30 P.M. Friday, September 18th, 2020.

Marjorie Banner, Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - September 21, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, September 21, 2020** for the purpose of considering the following:

PDA-2020-001; **Fairways at Gateway Planned Development Area (PDA) Amendment**, to modify the type of residential structures allowed in The Fairways at Gateway Sub No. 3, Lots 220, 221 and 222 (Parcels No. 80-009-001-0220-000, 80-009-001-0221-000, & 80-009-001-0222-000); and Parcel No. 80-009-99-0001-707

The public hearing will be held via the ZOOM Meeting app.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82333847219

Dial by your location: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 823 3384 7219

Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or planning@romulusgov.com.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to effectively participate in the meeting should contact the Carol Maise, City Planner at 734-955-4530 or send an email to planning@romulusgov.com by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meeting to request assistance. Closed Captions will be provided upon request.

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Trustees: Swinson, LaPorte and Rush. Treasurer K. Bednark and Trustee Oddy excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 14 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes: Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling $332,686.60.
Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Clerk Hurst and Supervisor Morgan. Treasurer Bednark and Trustee Oddy excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Receive & File:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to receive and file the following reports. Motion carried.
- Attorney Report – Young
- Water & Sewer Report – Morgan

8. Police Report-Luke:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark:
Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:
- Supervisor Morgan wanted to give a "shout out" to the Township employees who worked hard to provide services to our residents during the COVID pandemic AND to the residents for being so understanding during these trying times!

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Supervisor's report. Motion carried

13. Board Response:
- Trustee LaPorte requested the Supervisor, at his discretion, consider a Township committee of Department Management and Finance Director to develop a Credit Card Policy that is in concert with the current purchasing policy for all Departments and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval consideration at the August 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst. Motion carried.

- Trustee Rush advised of his observance of the Sumpter Township Emergency Response, Fire and Police Departments for their excellent emergency response and actions to a bee swarm/stinging incident at Banotai Park.

14. New Business:
A. Motion by Rush supported by Swinson to approve to accept resignation of Virginia Belinski from the Planning Commission, with regrets. Motion carried.
*Deputy Armatis to ensure a plaque is obtained recognizing Ms. Belinski's service to Sumpter Township.
B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Hurst to approve to name Bart Patterson to the Planning Commission, term to expire 01/12/2021.

15. Announcements:
- Newly appointed member to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission, Bart Patterson, introduced himself and spoke of his professional history and his residency in Sumpter Township for 24 years.

16. Open Floor: Five (5) people spoke.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
John Morgan, Supervisor Date

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY.

The Canton Public Library Board ("Library Board") will hold a public hearing on the proposed Library budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 electronically on September 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget, including the proposed property tax millage rates, is available for public inspection on the Library's website https://www.cantonpl.org.

The Library must hold a public hearing before the final adoption of the budget. Any interested person will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-154, the Library gives notice of the following:

1. Reason for Electronic Meeting. The meeting and public hearing are being held electronically because of the capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements set forth in Executive Order 2020-160. Therefore, the Library wants to ensure participation by the public if the public cannot be physically present.

2. Procedures. The public may participate in the meeting electronically and may make public comment at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86503355091?pwd=S25sbUJNSXB1aXZHVE1TOUFUbjVyZz09.

3. Contact Information. For those people who desire to contact members of the Library Board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at the meeting, please contact Eva Davis, Library Director, at (734) 397-0999 or at davise@cantonpl.org prior to the start of the meeting.

4. Persons with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting through the methods set forth in paragraph 2. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services in order to attend electronically should notify Eva Davis, Library Director, at (734) 397-0999 or at davise@cantonpl.org within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.

Dated: August 19, 2020 Eva Davis, Director
Canton Public Library
1200 S. Canton Center Rd
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-0999

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Romulus

School superintendent says student safety is top priority

Newly-hired Superintendent of Romulus Schools Dr. Benjamin P. Edmondson has made the safety of district students his top priority as plans for fall classes are under way.

In a recent communication of families, Edmondson said that as a parent himself, nothing is more important than knowing children are in the safest environment possible.

To that end, he said, district educators will be "champions of safety, personal, physical, emotional and intellectual."

He said that the decision to offer virtual classes from Sept. 8 through at least Oct. 30 was "well thought out and considerate of our community."

Edmondson explained that the members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education made the best possible decision offered to them, as the safety of students and staff had to be the first priority.

"I believe we made the best, available option in going virtual for a few months. Many schools are experiencing such a disruption to the school day due to positive tests and potential exposures. Even if we are able to provide some degree of face-to-face (traditional) interactions with limited student populations (ie, self-contained students, emotionally impaired), it is a safer option than opening up our entire district and risking full exposure to the virus," he said.

He explained that district teachers are undergoing extensive "EDGENUITY training on how to deliver virtual instruction; this is not an easy task by any means. It takes dedication, consistency, and mind shift. For most, we are asking/demanding them to deliver instruction in a manner inconsistent with training, experience, and expertise," he said.

> *We thank you for your ongoing support of the district and look forward to a positive school year in spite of the unknown.*

He said the district special education staff members are scheduling caseloads for students, reorganizing the special education department, and assigning duties to administrative assistants within the central office. Building administrators are preparing schools for opening, as it may unexpectedly happen without much notice, he said.

The district technology department is working to assist teachers' level of understanding with the EDGENUITY platform. They are assuring that building technology is up to date and secure, he said.

Auxilio transportation staff are receiving COVID training, routing for current and new students, and ordering PPE for all drivers. Auxilio custodial staff are sanitizing buildings, installing PPE where warranted, and preparing buildings to meet the return to school expectations of the governor.

"We thank you for your ongoing support of the district and look forward to a positive school year in spite of the unknown," Edmondson said in his Facebook post

Those who wish to enroll students can do so by calling (734) 532-1600 or visiting the local school. For those seeking Schools of Choice information, he suggested calling the same number for more information.

Metro Airport catering business warns of 100 upcoming layoffs

Another business has fallen victim to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in the loss of more than 100 jobs at Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus.

Sky Chefs, an airline catering company, announced the layoffs of more than 100 workers in a letter to state officials, July 31. The letter was posted this month and said that the layoffs will begin Oct. 1.

"We are writing to inform you that due to a dramatic downturn in business as a result of COVID-19 there will be a mass layoff," the owners of Sky Chefs wrote in their letter to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Notification of such layoffs are required by state law to be posted in advance of the action.

"Given the unpredictable nature of the current global pandemic and ever changing travel restrictions which relate to the frequency and volume of flights and in turn the amount of business Sky Chefs, Inc. retains, the number of employees to be actually impacted by the mass layoff is unforeseeable and may change," the letter continued.

Sky Chefs has been in business for more than 75 years, according to the company website, and has branches in major airports across the country.

Romulus library continues curbside lending services for public

The Romulus Public Library remains in phase two of reopening to the public and is continuing curbside pickup for patrons.

The library will remain in the curbside pickup phase of the reopening plan while the building is being prepared for reopening to the public, a spokesman said.

"We are applying for grants to help us with social distancing signage, deep cleaning, and other supplies to make the library as safe as possible for you. Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and patrons, so we are closely following protocols from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and MiOSHA," he noted in a posting on the library website.

New policies and procedures have been approved by members of the library board to ensure safety and proper use of the building, he added. As more information and guidelines for public libraries are received from the State of Michigan, the library will publicize those efforts on the website and Facebook page with further updates.

Holds on books and materials can now be placed on items from all libraries in the system through the online catalog. Patrons will receive an email notification and can call from the parking lot to have a staff member deliver the materials to their vehicles.

Curbside Pickup Hours are noon until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The outdoor drop box is still available for returns and returns can be made by driving to the parking lot of the library and calling a staff member to come retrieve them from the vehicle.

Expiring library cards have been automatically renewed through Sept. 30 and due dates on materials have been extended to Sept. 30. New library cards can be obtained by calling or emailing the library and providing proper identification. Processing does take a few days, a spokesman noted.

Friends of the Library are not accepting donations book donations at this time, he added.

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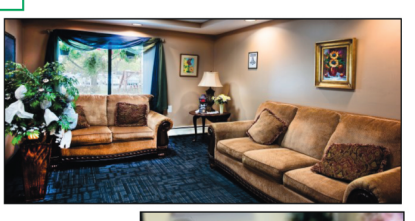

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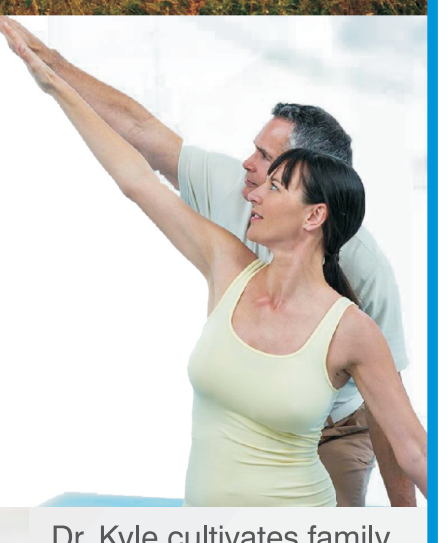

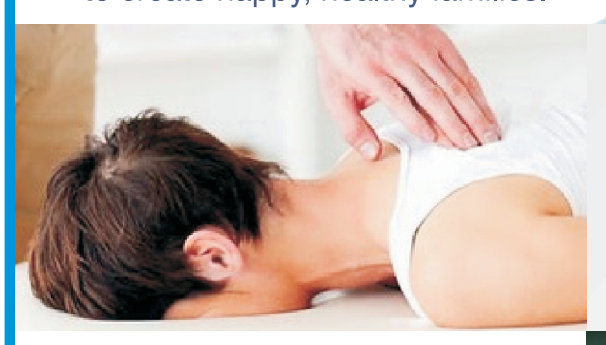

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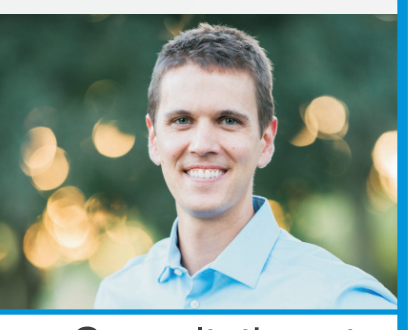

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